



**THANKSGIVING EVE  
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**TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**"FROM THIS DAY ON  
I WILL BLESS YOU!"**

**Good evening!** On this eve of Thanksgiving Day, we pause to remember that all the blessings we have are not because we have earned or deserved them, but because God has chosen to bless us. Just as he taught the people of Israel through the prophet Haggai, so he teaches us this same truth.

May God bless our Thanksgiving worship of him!

**Opening Song** ..... "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 609*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

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**BLESSING**

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M: The grace of our Lord +Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

**Closing Hymn** ..... “Now Thank We All Our God”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 610*

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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**Evening Prayer** ..... *Christian Worship pages 52-61*

M: O Lord, open my lips

C: *(sung)* **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God

C: *(sung)* **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening  
prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body  
and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our  
sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort  
of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise,  
through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

**Song of Praise** ..... “Let My Prayer Rise Before You”  
*Christian Worship page 55*

C: *(sung)*

Let my prayer rise be-fore you as in-cense,  
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick-ly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise be-fore you as in-cense,  
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us  
in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now  
and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 100** ..... *Christian Worship* page 104

**Refrain:** *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.*

*Shout for joy to the Lord, `all the earth.\*  
Worship the Lord with `gladness;  
come before him with `joyful songs.\*  
Know that the `Lord is God.*

*For the Lord is good and his love endures for`ever;\*  
his faithfulness continues through all gener`ations.*

*It is he who made us, and `we are his;\*  
we are his people, the sheep of his `pasture.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever.  
Amen***

**Refrain**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his `courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and `praise his name.*

**Refrain**

**PSALM PRAYER**

**M:** Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C:** *(spoken)* **AMEN**

**FIRST LESSON  
DEUTERONOMY 8:10-18**

*“The people were not to forget that the blessings they were to enjoy were from the Lord!”*

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and forever. Amen.

**Prayer for Peace** ..... *Christian Worship* page 60

**M:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(spoken)* **Amen**

**Song Of Simeon** ..... *Christian Worship* page 61

**C:** *(sung)*  
In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part  
ac-cord-ing to your word.  
  
For my eyes have seen your sal-va-tion,  
which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple,  
  
a light to light-en the Gen-tiles  
and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

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**Prayer of the Church** ..... THANKSGIVING—RESPONSIVE

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

This prayer is found on page 128 of Christian Worship.  
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12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

**SECOND LESSON**  
**LUKE 17:11-19**

*"Let us never forget to give thanks to the LORD for his goodness!"*

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**Hymn** ..... “Come, You Thankful People, Come”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 613*

Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.  
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,  
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;  
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.

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Haggai 2:15-19  
*Pastor Mike Geiger*

*STAND*

**Song of Mary** ..... *Christian Worship page 57-58*

**C:** (*sung*)

My soul proclaims the great-ness of the Lord;  
my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,  
for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.

From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.  
The Al-might-y has done great things for me,  
and ho-ly is his name.  
He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm;  
he has scat-tered the proud in their con-ceit.  
He has cast down the might-y from their thrones  
and has lift-ed up the low-ly.  
He has filled the hun-gry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.

He has come to the help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el,  
for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy,  
the prom-ise made to our fa-thers,  
to A-bra-ham, and to his chil-dren for-ev-er. A-men.

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